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It Must Not Happen Here Next Year.

Now that the tour of the English team has finished, and we are "back in our own backyard," it is time for us to take stock of our gains from the tour, and to look around for means to prevent a repetition of New South Wales domination of Australian Soccer affairs in future.

What have we as a State gained by the visit?

That is a question that will take some answering. I have watched carefully during the few games I have seen since the Englishmen's visit for signs of our boys having learned any lesson from the play of our visitors, but I am afraid I have looked in vain. We still see the hopeless and useless ballooning of the ball, and find these high flown kicks receiving the applause of some of our misguided spectators. In the matter of positional play and ball distribution we still find our fellows proceeding in the same old way.

If the recent visit is to benefit 'soccer, our players will have to bring into operation the finer points shown us by the visitors.

We have a lot to learn yet, and the sooner our players realise this the sooner Australian soccer in general will be in a position to meet international visitors on reasonable terms.

Regarding the attitude of New South Wales in the matter of the recent tour, I would like to stress a few main points that in my opinion are vital to all States.

1. We and the other State organisations must insist that in future when a touring team is here, all States must have an equal opportunity to allow their players a chance to show the Australian selectors their ability. We must on no account tolerate a similar situation as existed this year.

Imagine an Australian trial game being staged between N.S.W. and Australia. Why? That is a question that has completely baffled all outside N.S.W.

I spent a couple of weeks in Sydney during the Englishmen's visit, and all the time you could sense that superiority complex of the people there.

Why cannot we in soccer do as they do in other codes?

2. We must have a regular interchange of visits between the States; we are entitled to it and should continue to press our demands along with other States.

3. Every State in the Commonwealth has a right to equality of treatment, and should see to it that they get it.

4. Next season it is expected that a South African team will visit Australia, and now is the time for our representatives on the Australian Association to

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Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8.



The visit of the "Kangaroos" (Mr. W. R. Thomas's holiday team) to New Zealand has aroused keen interest in Victorian soccer circles, for it was hoped that it might be the forerunner of other similar parties.

Victorians has a whole wished the team well and took the blessing of the V.A.S.F.A. with them. Their record in New Zealand to date is good, with two wins and two losses, for it must be remembered that the programme they took on was a most ambitious one for a team which contained members of only four clubs (one of which was from the second division) and from the first and reserve teams of those clubs.

Enthusiasm for the team, however, must be tinged with resentment at the action of the New Zealand Press "billing" this team as "Victoria," and the "Victorian Association Team," etc., in its efforts to publicise the tour in our sister Dominion, for it would be expected naturally that the New Zealand Soccer Association would inform the Press that they were misrepresenting the tour to such an extent that the same misrepresentation was being copied in the New South Wales and Victorian Press to the detriment of the V.A.S.F.A.

That the N.Z.S.F.A. have not so informed the New Zealand Press of their mistake puts that body in a very bad light, for it would thereby be seen that in their effort to ensure good "gates" for the tour they are prepared to subscribe to this misrepresentation (despite the initial assurances of Mr. W. R. Thomas to the contrary). If this is correct, such lack of a correction on the part of the N.Z.S.F.A. borders very closely on the verge of sharp practice.

Last week the League fixtures finished with the exception of one or two postponed games, and today the Dockerty Cup competition commences with six games in the first round. The winners of these games will progress into the second round, which actually could be described as the "Competition Proper" when 32 teams meet in 16 games.

No doubt we shall see the customary "upsets."

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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

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SOCCER FOR THE ESKIMOS

Soccer grounds have been laid down in Greenland, and 15 clubs are forming an association to be affiliated with the Danish F.A.



The fortunes of Sandringham, whose position in the relegation zone has been causing some perturbation in seaside circles, took a turn for the better last week when the Hammers defeated Box Hill at Surrey Park. Unless Footscray City win its two postponed games, Sandringham will live to fight another day.

OVERCROWDING AT STUTTGART

As a result of forged tickets, 110,000, a figure grossly in excess of the estimated number, overfilled the Neckar Stadium in Stuttgart when Germany beat Switzerland in her first post-war International. Mr. Ellis, the English referee, was voted the best man on the field.

South Yarra's inside-man, Hirst, who was "out" for some weeks with a "clot of blood" in his leg, is back in form for the Yarra, and was in a scoring mood against Yallourn.

"GOLD" FIELDS IN ITALY

In order to curb the influx of foreign players, from which France also suffers, Italy has reduced the number of First Division clubs from 20 to 18. At present, more than one-fifth of the players are non-Italians.

SWEDISH SOCCER

Norrköping F.C. recently broke new ground by touring Abyssinia, meeting with slight opposition. Many of the best Swedish players play in the Italian League, but are now debarred from playing for Sweden.

OFFSIDE?

This ruling often gives rise to discussion. A free kick lobbed into the goalmouth, struck the bar, and rebounded to be kicked into the net by a forward who had rushed up. He was given offside, as, although onside when the kick was taken, he was in an offside position when the ball struck the bar.

GOLD IN HIS BOOTS

Ademir de Menezes, inside-forward for Uasco da Gama, Rio's champion club, earns £100 per week from football as a part-timer! Most Brazilian players are known only by their Christian names.

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press for an All States Carnival next season before our visitors, whoever they may be, arrive in Australia.

5. From this Carnival the A.S.F.A. selectors could get together a strong side and give them the necessary training and coaching before the Tests, so that they meet the visitors without the handicap of only meeting on the day of the Tests.

The above article will no doubt sound like a complaint from a prominent Victorian official. We have a surprise for you, dear reader.

It is from the pen of Mr. Len Todd, Editor of "Soccer News"—Queensland. Victorians will see little in it to quarrel with.

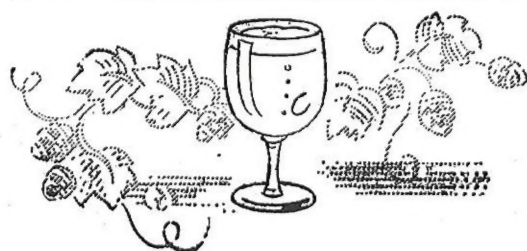


"1951," Now Where?

By VIC. ROSE

The dominant impression in my mind as the present season progresses is one of frustration. Omitting the visit of the English team, what important progressive move has the season's work shown compared with the previous year? I am afraid the answer must be, very few. Last year the Sandringham club organised and carried through a wholly successful "Junior Carnival." This year apparently the effort was too great for any club to undertake. Sandringham is also the only club, to my knowledge, that has at least taken the initial steps to securing its own ground. The Association finds itself homeless (largely, I think, because of the lack of foresight by its predecessors). Is it endeavouring to free itself from this condition? There is very little evidence to that effect. The second oval at Olympic Park has been idle on Saturdays a number of times this season. Were we side-stepped by the authorities for the use of it? If so, is forceful action being taken to prevent a recurrence of this state of affairs? Are the meetings of Council so taken up by club matters and routine administrative details, that no time can be found for planning the vital moves by which our game can expand? Candidly, the impression formed is of a lot of people working hard and getting nowhere.

I feel that in the coming off-season very active work must be done to remedy these matters, and that we have got to act boldly now or fade out for ever. I do not profess to know all the answers to these questions, but I do feel that they are not being tackled vigorously. I would like other views on these matters, and think that a good medium for expressing them would be a general meeting to be called by Council. There we could all express our views and endeavour to formulate a progressive plan for the off-season.



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Junior Notes

The Under 17 years played a selected team from Juventus club last Sunday. In a fast game good teamwork was witnessed. Each side scored 2 goals. This game will be the last till notified when they go to Gippsland. Best players were Bradshaw, Stewart and McKenzie.

The Under 19 years played a scratch team from Coburg but some of the players didn't turn up. They won 2 goals to 1. Best players, Traynor, Jarman and Gabell.

Next Sunday at 1.30, the Under 19 years will play at Olympic Park against a University team from Sydney. Players selected are Jarman, Schofield, Gabell, Traynor, Dixon, Peachey, Bohem, Jordon, Pepper, James, Worthington. (Reserves: Gribben, Horrobin, McIver and Simpson.) —J. MCCARTHY.

The following Under 14 team will leave on Thursday, August 16, to represent Victoria in Tasmania: Mannering (South Melbourne), Balish (Sunshine United), Evans (Coburg), Edwards (Sunshine City), Hatley (Sunshine United), Adam (Coburg), Moulton (South Melbourne), Wallace (South Yarra), Sykes (Park Rangers), Tindell (Brighton) and Huckrale (Coburg).

Reserves: Sudy (South Yarra), Lewington (Preston) and Sargent (Sandringham). —W. ADAM.

World Cup Trials

IRISH SELECTED v. PARK RANGERS

Sunday, August 12, 1951.

The following Irish players are requested to attend at Middle Park next Sunday afternoon at 2.15 sharp: Rogers, Finlay, Brown, Murray, Newbury, Cairns, Wallace, Smith, Branagh, Mennagh, Carnduff (Ulsterville), Watts, Nixon, Condley, Trainer (Coburg), Hanna (South Yarra), Weatherall (Moreland), Rice (Geelong). Any other Irish players interested in playing for Ireland in the World Cup please contact Mr. Mulcahy or Mr. J. Finlay at the dressing sheds next Sunday afternoon. A. MULCAHY.

WORLD CUP REPLAY FIRST ROUND

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YUGOSLAVIA v. ITALY

Sunday, August 12. Kick-off 3 p.m. Olympic Park.

Curtain Raiser 1.30 p.m. Junior Select v. Combined University.

SECOND ROUND, SUNDAY, AUGUST 19.

SCOTLAND v. AUSTRALIA or HOLLAND.

Kick-off 2 p.m. Juventus Ground, Royal Park.

POLAND v. GREECE. AUGUST 19.

Juventus Ground. Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

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CLUB JOTTINGS

We regret, owing to lack of space, that some club notes have been held over.
EDITOR.

FIFERS

End of the season games, and particularly with teams who cannot avoid relegation, usually produce dreary football. Last week's games against "The Shop" was completely opposite to that and despite the weather the spectators (collection 12/-!) were treated to a real sporting game. It was difficult to imagine the two teams would be meeting next year in a lower division. The score of 9-1, in Fifer's favour, reflected a personal triumph for Henry Morgan, who, leading the line, notched 5 goals.

Meanwhile, the Reserves were struggling gamely only to go down 4-1 against the University second string. The important thing, however, is rain or shine, win or lose, the boys turn up for training every Thursday and enjoy their Saturday games.

Sunday afternoons continue to be the Juniors' afternoon as more seem to attend each week. Remember chaps, we need you for coaching duties on Sundays, so please do your best to attend.

Pleased to report the ladies' committee is now active, so the next social should be the event of the season.

SANDRINGHAM CITY

Results for Saturday, August 4: First team won by 4-1 against Box Hill, at Box Hill — a welcome victory at this stage. Reserves lost by 9-0 against Box Hill Reserves at Olive Street. Juniors Under 14 lost by 2-3 against South Melbourne. —A. SALOPIAN.

ULSTERVILLE

Ulsterville played Coburg in the semi-final of the Divisional Cup at Olympic Park.

Ulsterville having lost the toss started off against a stiff breeze and immediately made tracks for the Coburg goal, but several chances were missed. In one of the Ulsterville raids Coburg's right-back scored against his own side. Coburg came more into the picture and J. Rodgers in goals had plenty to do. After the resumption. Ulsterville kept pegging away and a cross shot by J. Mannagh beat the Coburg keeper for the second time. Play became very scrappy and the wind spoiled many good movements. Ulsterville was lucky not having a goal scored against. Coburg was attacking strongly until the final whistle. Result, Ulsterville 2, Coburg 0.

We realise we will have to play much better when we meet Polonia in the final of the Divisional Cup. —RED HAND.

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Secretary's Notes



New Zealand Team.—During August, a private team from Victoria known as the Kangaroos is touring New Zealand. Through Press reports in New Zealand and Australia, the impression has been given that the Kangaroos are a representative team from Victoria. The Council of the V.A.S.F.A. wish it to be known that the team comprises players from only three clubs in Victoria (one of which is a Second Division team) and is not an official team from Victoria or representing Victoria in any respect.

Junior Association.—On Saturday, August 18, Victoria will play South Australia in the annual match for the Skolnick Cup at Olympic Park at 1.15. Many articles have appeared in "Soccer News" on Junior matters and I feel that one of the best methods of supporting the Juniors, which it is everybody's duty to do, is to attend their games. Saturday, the 18th, will give you the opportunity of seeing the Juniors in action and encouraging them.

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

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Next week the customary number of copies of "Soccer News" will be forwarded to all clubs playing Dockerty Cup matches or postponed League games. EDITOR.

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LEAGUE TABLES AS AT AUGUST 4, 1951

First Division

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Yallourn	18	11	1	6	46	27	26
Sunshine United	17	11	4	2	51	28	24
Brighton	18	9	4	5	54	27	23
Prahran	17	10	4	3	60	37	23
Box Hill	18	9	7	2	43	41	20
South Yarra	18	7	8	3	46	38	17
Park Rangers	18	5	7	6	41	36	16
Sandringham City	18	5	9	4	37	50	14
Footscray City	16	4	9	3	24	48	11
Sunshine City	18	0	18	0	17	87	0

The above table is final with the exception of the following matches which will be played when the teams concerned are eliminated from the Dockerty Cup:—

Footscray City v. Prahran.
Footscray City v. Sunshine United

Second Division

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
J.U.S.T.	18	16	1	1	73	16	33
Juventus	17	10	2	5	61	18	25
Hakoah J.R.C.	18	11	5	2	57	35	24
Moreland	17	7	4	6	35	33	20
Flinders N.D.	17	7	7	3	44	50	17
South Melbourne	17	6	8	3	43	54	15
George Cross	17	5	9	3	35	50	13
Preston	18	3	9	6	29	60	12
Rifers	17	3	11	3	35	54	8
University	18	2	14	2	25	65	6

Second Division League Tables will be completed on August 11.

Latrobe Valley League Table as at August 8, 1951.

A.P.M., Maryvale	5	4	0	1	20	6	9
Heyfield	4	2	1	1	14	14	5
Morwell	4	2	2	0	16	13	4
Yallourn	5	1	2	2	9	17	4
Prentice	4	0	4	0	8	17	0

Junior League Tables As At August 4, 1951

Under 19 Division

Preston	13	9	4	0	35	19	18
Brighton	10	8	1	1	27	8	17
Juventus	11	7	3	1	25	16	15
Sunshine United	10	7	3	0	27	11	14
Sth. Melb. United	10	5	3	2	24	12	12
Yallourn	9	4	4	1	18	15	9
Sandringham City	9	4	4	1	21	17	9
Moorabbin City	11	4	6	1	14	21	9
Footscray City	8	2	6	0	11	22	4
Northcote	7	1	5	1	18	31	3
Hakoah J.R.C.	12	0	10	2	6	54	2

Under 17 "A" Division

Brighton	12	10	0	2	44	7	22
South Yarra	12	5	6	1	19	25	11
Sandringham City	10	3	4	3	26	22	9
Army Apprentices "A"	8	4	3	1	21	20	9
Park Rangers	10	4	5	1	19	19	9
Sunshine City	11	3	6	2	12	30	8
Sunshine United	11	2	7	2	9	27	6

Under 17 "B" Division

Northcote	13	6	3	4	20	18	16
Sth. Melb. United	13	7	5	1	18	12	15
Preston	11	4	4	3	15	18	11
Army Apprentices "B"	8	1	4	3	9	27	5

Under 15 Division

Box Hill	11	7	1	3	39	10	2
Coburg	10	0	8	2	7	22	2
Sunshine United	11	10	1	0	43	7	20
Brighton "B"	13	9	4	0	39	13	18
Sth. Melb. United	9	7	1	1	27	4	15
Northcote	12	7	4	1	26	17	15
Brighton "A"	11	6	3	2	42	11	14
Preston	11	6	5	0	19	13	12
Park Rangers	12	4	4	4	12	18	12
Box Hill	12	3	7	2	18	40	8
Ringwood Boys	10	3	7	0	15	30	6
Moreland	9	1	8	0	5	56	2
South Yarra	12	0	12	0	3	40	0

Under 14 Division

Coburg	14	12	1	1	67	7	25
Sth. Melb. "A"	14	10	2	2	75	17	22
Park Rangers	14	10	3	1	64	12	21
Sandringham City	14	9	3	2	57	16	20
Sunshine City	14	8	6	0	47	23	16
Box Hill "A"	13	5	8	0	38	30	10
Brighton	12	4	8	0	12	56	8
Moorabbin City	13	3	9	1	7	76	7
Sth. Melbourne "B"	14	2	12	0	6	59	4
Box Hill "B"	14	1	12	1	5	82	3

NOTICE

We regret that owing to the small number of clubs playing this week, we have had to reduce the size of "Soccer News." Next week, however, we expect to produce a normal size edition for the second round of the Dockerty Cup. EDITOR.

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